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Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Programs

Women's Studies

Credential:

Bachelor Degree

Options:

Major, Minor

Program Length:

4 Years

The Program

Women's Studies at VIU explores the history, thought and experiences of women from a range of viewpoints using a multi-disciplinary approach. It encourages students to look critically at cultural productions, institutions, ideologies, sexuality and language as ways of examining the historical and contemporary status of women. In addition to gender, specificities of race, class, sexual orientation, age and disability/ability will be addressed as key elements in developing sound critical theories. Particular attention is paid to the history and experiences of First Nations women, both in courses with a uniquely First Nations focus, as well as in the content of other required courses. The program is grounded in feminist theory and teaching/learning styles, and recognizes the value of a participatory classroom where diverse life experiences are included and recognized.

Program Outline

Requirements for a Major

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below:

Years 1 and 2	Credits
Select <i>either</i> :	
WOST 200 - (Intro to Women's Studies I) and, WOST 201 - (Intro to Women's Studies II)	6
or,	
WOST 210 - (Intro to Women's Studies: First Nations I) and, WOST 211 - (Intro to Women's Studies: First Nations II)	
Select a minimum of <i>six</i> credits of lower-level courses with a Women's Studies Focus. Possible selections include:	
CRIM 213 - (Gender, Crime and Justice)	
ENGL 244 - (Women and Literature I)	
ENGL 245 - (Women and Literature II)	
SOCI 220 - (Women in Society)	
SOCI 221 - (Sociology of Gender Relations)	
HIST 210 - (Canadian Women's History to 1920)	
HIST 211 - (Canadian Women's History since 1920)	
Total Credits	12

Years 3 and 4	Credits
WOST 305 - (Money, Foundations of Feminist Thought I)	3
WOST 306 - (Foundations of Feminist Thought II)	3
Select a minimum of <i>twenty-four</i> credits of upper-level WOST courses; including up to <i>six</i> credits offered by other departments with a Women's Studies Focus. Possible selections include:	24
HIST 478 - (Gender Issues in Health Care)	
ENGL 316 - (Studies in Narrative) - When the particular subject matter is women writers	
Total Credits	30

Note: WOST 380 can be taken more than once for credit.

Due to limited offerings from the Women's Studies Department, it may not be possible to complete a major in four years. Students wishing to complete a Major in Women's Studies should contact the Chair of Women's Studies as early as possible in their degree planning process.

Requirements for a Minor

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below:

Years 1 and 2	Credits
Select <i>either</i> :	
WOST 200 - (Intro to Women's Studies I) and, WOST 201 - (Intro to Women's Studies II)	6
or,	
WOST 210 - (Intro to Women's Studies: First Nations I) and, WOST 211 - (Intro to Women's Studies: First Nations II)	
Students are encouraged to choose electives from the following courses: CRIM 213 - (Gender, Crime and Justice) ENGL 244 - (Women and Literature I) ENGL 245 - (Women and Literature II) SOCI 220 - (Women in Society) SOCI 221 - (Sociology of Gender Relations) HIST 210 - (Canadian Women's History to 1920) HIST 211 - (Canadian Women's History since 1920)	-
Total Credits	6

Years 3 and 4	Credits
Select a minimum of <i>eighteen</i> credits of upper-level WOST courses; including up to <i>six</i> credits of approved courses offered by other departments with a Women's Studies Focus. Possible selections include:	18
HIST 478 - (Gender Issues in Health Care)	
ENGL 316 - (Studies in Narrative) - When the particular subject matter is women writers	
Total Credits	18

Please consult the Chair of Women's Studies to find out which courses in other departments are approved in any given year. Students interested in a Minor should consult with the Chair of Women's Studies.

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